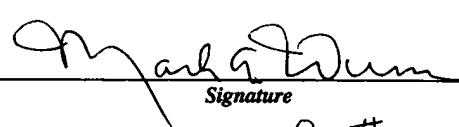
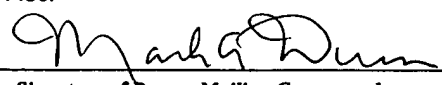


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Applicant(s): <b>Jorge Ignaci Ciappi</b>					
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Invention: <b>MISSILE LAUNCHER CELL WITH EXHAUST GAS UPTAKE DUCTS AND ARRAY OF SUCH MISSILE</b>					
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<div style="text-align: center;">               Signature         </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <b>Mark A. Wurm, IP Counsel</b>  <b>Lockheed Martin Corporation</b>  <b>Intellectual Property Law Department</b>  <b>9500 Godwin Drive</b>  <b>Bldg. 400, Mail Stop 043</b>  <b>Manassas, VA. 20110</b>  <b>Phone: 703-367-2128</b> </div>			<div style="text-align: center;">Dated: <b>December 15, 2003</b></div> <div style="margin-top: 20px; text-align: center;">               Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence   <b>Mark A. Wurm</b>              Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence         </div>		

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Application No. 09/892,839  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** start on page 8 of this paper.

Applicant submits that the present application now stands in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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